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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). A secure architecture for encoded or encrypted digital audio files comprising:

a computing platform for processing encrypted or encoded digital data, said computing platform including a peripheral bus and configured to run audio or video playback application software and pass said encrypted or encoded digital data to said peripheral bus configured so as to be not-accessible by said audio or video playback software;

a peripheral including a timing generator and a digital-to-analog convertor (DAC), said timing generator configured to generate timing signals for said DAC, said peripheral also including a memory device for storing decoding or decryption software, said peripheral coupled to said peripheral bus configured to decrypt or decode said encrypted or encoded digital data and generate a decoded or decrypted analog output signal for playback by an external analog device.

2. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing platform includes a network interface for receiving digital data from an external network.

3. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a USB bus.

4. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a PCI bus.

5. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a Fire Wire bus.

6. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, further including one or more user input devices.

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7. (New). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing architecture includes one or more local persistent storage devices.

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